

THE TIMES Tomorrow

Champion of the individual How Ralph Nader is bringing his crusade to Britain

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio Competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mr D Laguerre of Hythe, Kent. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page

Dublin ferry firm halts all services

The Irish ferry company B+I suspended all its passenger and freight services from Dublin to Liverpool, Holyhead and Rosslare yesterday and laid off 1,900 employees after industrial action by the Seamen's Union of Ireland in protest against 500 proposed redundancies.

Militant links disclosed

Militant Tendency documents that show the extent of its organization and the purpose of the 'Militant' newspaper are being studied by the Labour Party's inquiry into Militant's activities in Liverpool.

Blandford plea for bail fails

An application for bail by the Marquis of Blandford was refused at Southampton Crown Court yesterday. The Marquis is charged with a three-month sentence for breaking conditions of bail.

Slave payment

Flick, the German industrial giant, agreed to pay compensation to survivors and dependants of slave labourers it used during the war. Later this month Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, will visit the site of Bergen-Belsen, the Nazi concentration camp.

GPs rebuked

Some family doctors send too many patients to hospital, regardless of the economic cost of their decision, the Department of Health's chief medical officer says in a report.

Ulster choice

Nominations open this morning for the 15 by-elections in Northern Ireland caused by the resignation of Unionist MPs from Westminster in protest at the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Boycott doubt

Thousands of young South African blacks were in confusion over whether to return to classes or maintain their boycott of schools for a further three weeks.

Protectionist toll

Restraints on exports from Japan and the developing world cost British consumers £1 billion a year, according to a study.

Geldof attack

Bob Geldof, the Band Aid organizer, said that the Government made a serious public blunder in not including him in the New Year Honours list.

BAe boost

British Aerospace has won £100 million of aircraft orders from the United States.

Working brief

The system under which employees work intensively and retire early is playing an increasingly important part in British industry and commerce.

Blow for Lawson as base rates climb to 12.5%

The big four banks raised their base rates by percentage point to 12.5 per cent yesterday, following a clear signal from the Bank of England. The Bank stepped in to push up rates as the City was sensing a repeat of last January's sterling crisis.

The rise in base rates is a considerable embarrassment for Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of Exchequer. It came as he was meeting representatives of the Confederation of British Industry and the Trades Union Congress at the monthly meeting of the National Economic Development Council.

Sir James Clesminson, the CBI president, said: "It is a great pity that this action is seen to be necessary. It is adding to the uncompetitiveness of British industry." Each percentage point on base rates adds about £250 million to industry's annual borrowing costs.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader of the Labour Party and shadow Chancellor, said: "Today's 1-per cent rise in interest rates is the price that we all have to pay for the Government's vacillating incompetence. Rumour and counter-rumour about possible tax cuts and confusion over monetary policy has driven British interest rates even higher above those of all our major competitors."

Talks at Acas on teachers' dispute

The two sides in the teachers' dispute are to meet formally with the conciliation service, Acas, next Tuesday. It was announced last night, it will be the first such meeting in the 18-month dispute.

The move is being seen as the best, and perhaps only, chance of settling the dispute this term. Although neither side is expressing optimism, Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said he was encouraged.

Britain set to resume full relations with Nigeria

Britain and Nigeria are ready for an early resumption of full diplomatic relations, interrupted as a result of the "Dikko" affair two years ago, after this week's highly successful visit to London by Professor Bolaji Akinyemi, the Nigerian Minister of External Affairs.

Dear Sir - from Disgruntled of Moscow

From an analysis of thousands of readers' letters, Sovyetskoye Rossiiye, a leading Moscow daily, has pinpointed the main social problems - in addition to the perennial issue of drunkenness - affecting the Soviet Union at the beginning of 1986.



Mr Charles Price, United States Ambassador, answers questions on Libyan sanctions outside the Foreign Office yesterday (Report, page 8).

US ultimatum over Libyan terrorism

US gave a warning yesterday that it was watching the Gaddafi regime very, very closely "to see whether it had ended its support of terrorism. If Libya was again involved in a terrorist attack, the US would not hesitate to take a military response and hunt down those responsible."

The warning came as evidence was disclosed of terrorist plots to blow up the Capitol and assassinate an American ambassador. Washington has now begun urgent talks with friends and allies to enlist their support for the US economic embargo against Libya and the isolation of Colonel Gaddafi as a "pariah in the world community."

Libya calls sanctions a declaration of war

Tripoli (Reuters) - Libya yesterday described President Reagan's call for an international economic boycott of Libya as "tantamount politically to a declaration of war."

Cricket tour to Zimbabwe looks doomed

The England B cricket team's tour to Zimbabwe next month will "almost certainly" be called off today, it was announced by Donald Carr, secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), at Heathrow airport last night.

GEC deny forecast loss on contract

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent GEC, one of the companies in the European consortium whose rescue offer Westland directors are resisting, is involved in what may turn out to be a £20 million loss for the Yeovil-based helicopter company.

Westland fear that the loss will arise on a £150 million contract to supply more than 20 Sea King helicopters for the Indian Navy. GEC has denied responsibility for the loss. In their preliminary accounts which Westland sent to shareholders before Christmas, a figure of £106.6 million of exceptional provisions included an item of £20 million for a possible loss on an unspecified export contract.

This was explained by a note with the accounts which said: "Difficulties have been encountered by one of the principal sub-contractors on a major export contract, which are likely to result in significantly delayed deliveries of some or all of the helicopters concerned. In this event liquidated damages and additional costs could be incurred."

Westland refused to explain this yesterday, but it is understood that the note was referring to the Indian contract and to GEC Avionics, which is producing the integrated electronic processing system for the Sea Kings on order.

Third of young men turn to crime

Nearly one-third of males in England and Wales are indicted by the age of 28, according to the new edition of the Government's statistical compendium, Social Trends, published today more than half the males found guilty or cautioned were under 21.

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The Westland board stated yesterday that the consortium's offer has been only marginally improved, to £75 million, and the commercial prospects in the Sikorsky-Fiat deal weight more heavily.

The board will continue its whole-hearted support of the UTC and Fiat proposal. Sir John left the door open, however, for further talks with the Anglo-European consortium.

The Europeans on their side showed an embarrassing setback yesterday. Lazards, the merchant bank acting for Westland, sent out a notice saying that a material error had emerged in the consortium's revised offer.

Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of British Aerospace, stated on Tuesday that under the revised European offer, the present Westland shareholders would keep 64 per cent of the company but if they accepted the Sikorsky-Fiat offer they would retain (only) 63 per cent.

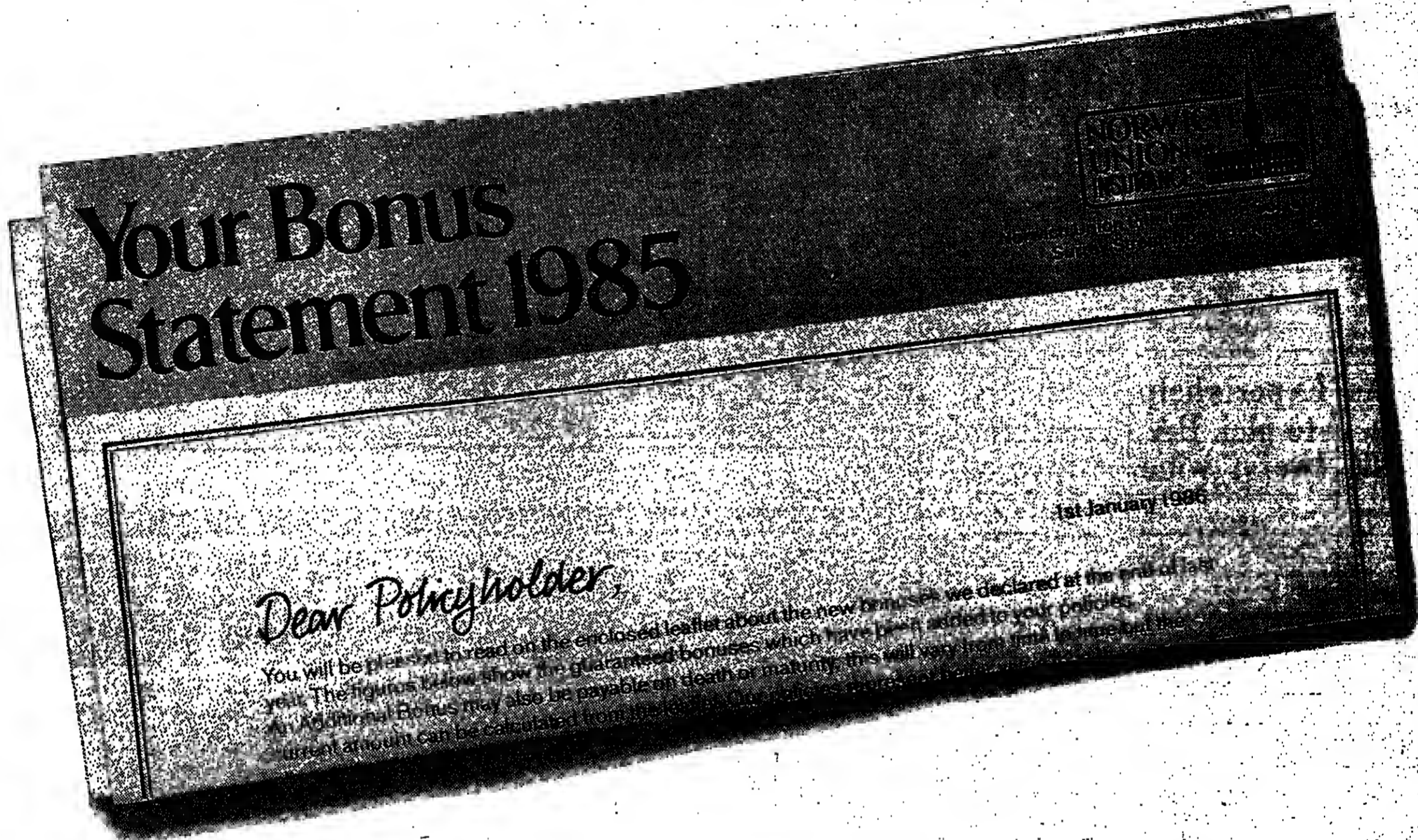
Lloyds Merchant Bank, acting for the Europeans, sent a circular to shareholders yesterday stating the terms of the revised offer and comparing it with that from Sikorsky-Fiat. Existing shareholders keep 64 per cent of the company with the American-Italian offer, and only 63 per cent with the Europeans.

The Anglo-Europeans are offering 1.3 million man hours over three years compared with Sikorsky-Fiat which is offering 2 million man hours over five years. Shareholders are being asked for a £13 million rights issue from the consortium as opposed to £14.2 million from Sikorsky-Fiat.

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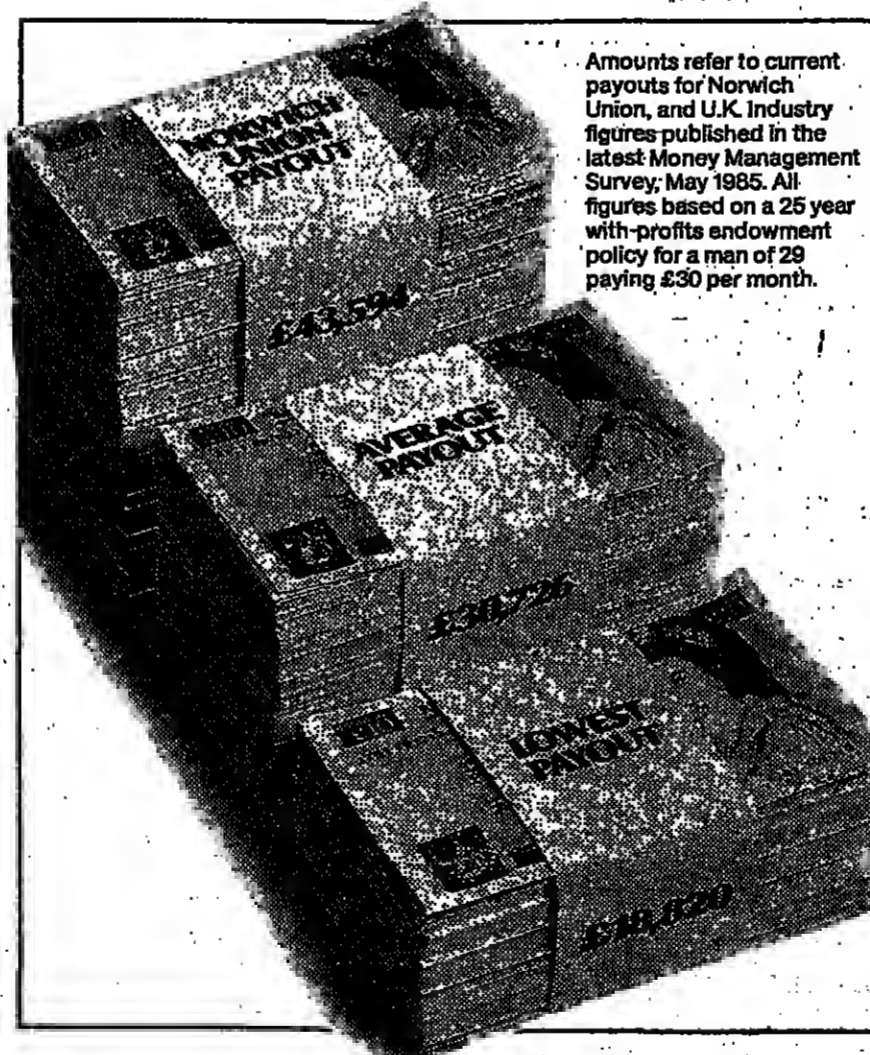
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SOCIAL TRENDS: CRIME, CLASS AND PENSIONS

One in three men guilty of serious crime by age of 28

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The British are more criminal than was thought. Nearly one in every three men born in 1953 had one or more convictions for the more serious offences by the age of 28, according to government statistics published today in Social Trends.

The criminal background of the British is disclosed by the first comparative results from studies of the criminal careers of those born during four selected weeks of 1953, 1958 and 1963.

The number of offences cleared up by the police in England and Wales in 1984, at 1.3 million, was about 1 per cent higher than in 1983. But the clear-up rate of reported offences was 35 per cent, compared with 37 per cent in 1983 and 45 per cent in 1971.

Over half of males found guilty of, or cautioned for, indictable offences in England and Wales in 1984 were aged under 21. The highest rate of offending, between 1961 and 1984 was by males aged 14 to 16.

Britons better off, better educated - and a better class of person

By Robin Young

Britons now tend to see themselves as a better class of person. Two-fifths of the population consider themselves middle class, and almost a third place themselves in a higher social class than their parents.

HOW MUCH GOODS COST IN EFFORT

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1971-75, 1981-85, 1984, and both. Items include large loaf, 12oz steak, 500g of butter, etc.

Increase in over 85s

In fact, all round fewer people are dying. 645,000 in 1984 compared with 659,000 in 1983. The average expectation of life at birth is 69.3 years for males, and 76.2 for females.

Pensioners' income rises threefold

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Pensioners as a whole are much better off than they were 30 years ago, although many are still relatively poor, according to figures in Social Trends.

The report also suggests that pensioners retiring now are retiring on incomes much nearer those they enjoyed in work than in the past. This is the result of higher state pensions, more occupational pensions and other social security benefits.

Protein-rich diet

Everybody's diet gives them substantially more protein and vitamin C than they need but, sadly, not enough energy.

More drug addicts

Not that the rest of us are that healthy either. In any week 4.7 per cent of the workforce will take at least one day off sick. Nearly a third of our womenfolk (30 per cent) have one of their own teeth, and only half have all their natural teeth.

Better housing

Housing standards are generally much improved, but about 11 per cent of the housing stock is unfit for habitation, lacking basic amenities or in need of essential repairs.

Sikh youth on Punjab rampage

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

One person was killed and four, lakh rupees (£30,000) looted by Sikh youth at Taran in Punjab yesterday as tension gripped the state after the arrest of 42 members of the All India Sikh Students' Federation in a bid to curb rising violence.

Press magnate challenges Paris

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From Mary Lee, Peking

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Second chance for TV chief

Warsaw - Polish Prime Minister Bigniew Messner, has refused to accept the resignation of a television executive responsible for spoiling the new year address of General Jaruzelski.

Fewer road deaths

The proportion of drivers killed on the roads with more than the prescribed limit of alcohol, at 28 per cent, is still higher than it was in 1967 when breath-test legislation was introduced.

School spending

In 1984, 70 per cent of the population aged 25 to 29 held an educational qualification, compared with only 39 per cent aged 30 and over.

Benefit changes

The unemployed are also worse off. Changes in the benefit system and housing costs have helped to increase by nearly a third the proportion whose incomes were less than half what they would have earned if they had been in work.

Working week

The average weekly working hours have been reduced to nearly 42 for men, and just over 37 for women. In 1963 almost all full-time manual employees (97 per cent) had a basic holiday entitlement of only two weeks.

POPULATION CHANGES

Table with 5 columns: Census enumerated, Population at end of year, Live births, Deaths, Net migration, etc.

WHO DOES WHAT IN THE HOME

Table with 4 columns: Married people, Never-married people, Actual allocation in %, How should they be allocated?.

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The north for the estimated 27 million-ton drop in grain output to about 350 million tons last year. However, the abolition of quotas for grain production and relaxation of price controls for agricultural produce in 1985 also prompted farmers to grow cash crops or turn low-lying land into fishponds, he said.

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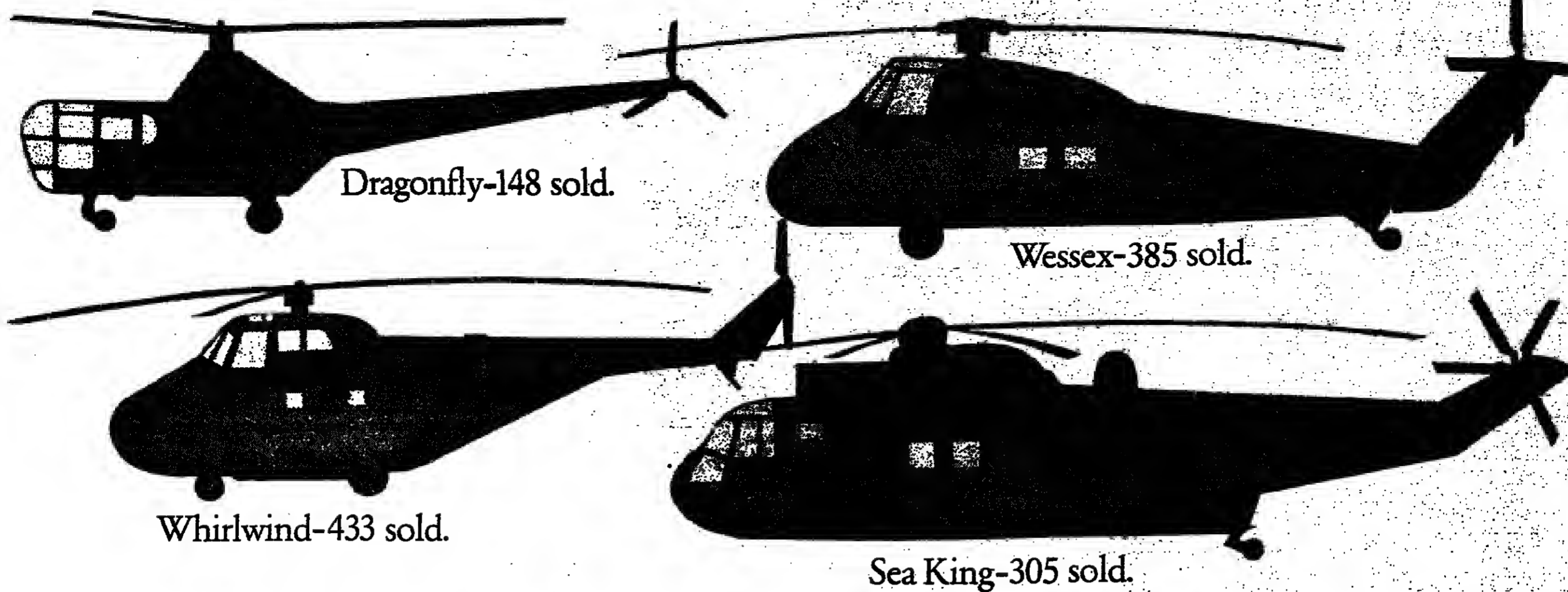
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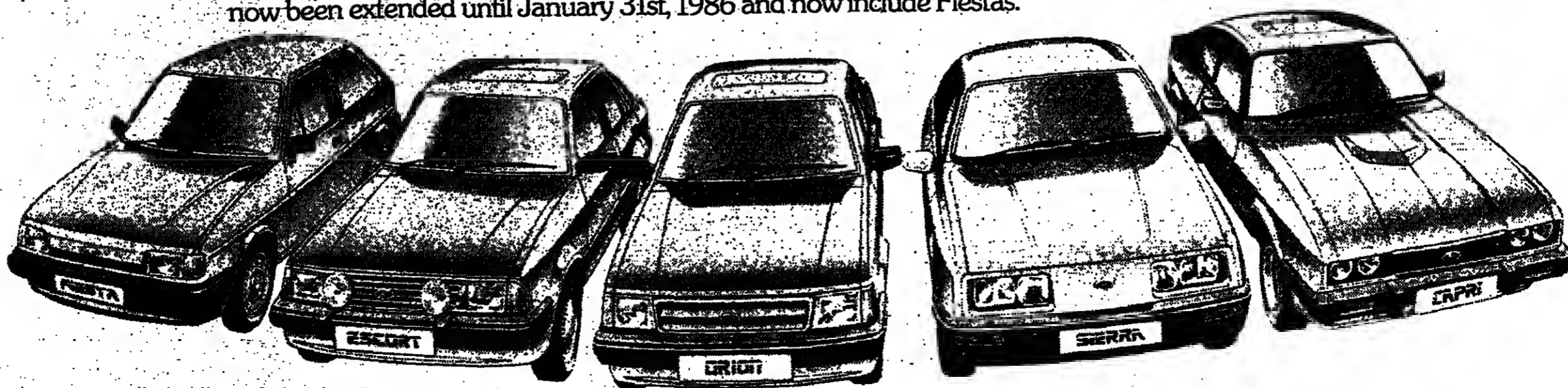
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Cash Price**	4661.31	4661.31	6157.32	6157.32	7328.44	7328.44	8390.35	8390.35	7203.97	7203.97
Initial Payment (minimum 20%)	932.26	932.26	1231.46	1231.46	1465.69	1465.69	1678.07	1678.07	1440.79	1440.79
Amount of Credit	3729.05	3729.05	4925.86	4925.86	5862.75	5862.75	6712.28	6712.28	5763.18	5763.18
36 Monthly Instalments of	118.81	137.77	156.94	181.98	186.79	216.60	213.86	247.98	183.62	212.92
Charge for Credit	548.11	1230.67	723.98	1625.42	861.69	1934.85	986.68	2215.00	847.14	1901.94
Total Credit Price	5209.42	5891.98	6881.30	7782.74	8190.13	9263.29	9377.03	10605.35	8051.11	9105.91
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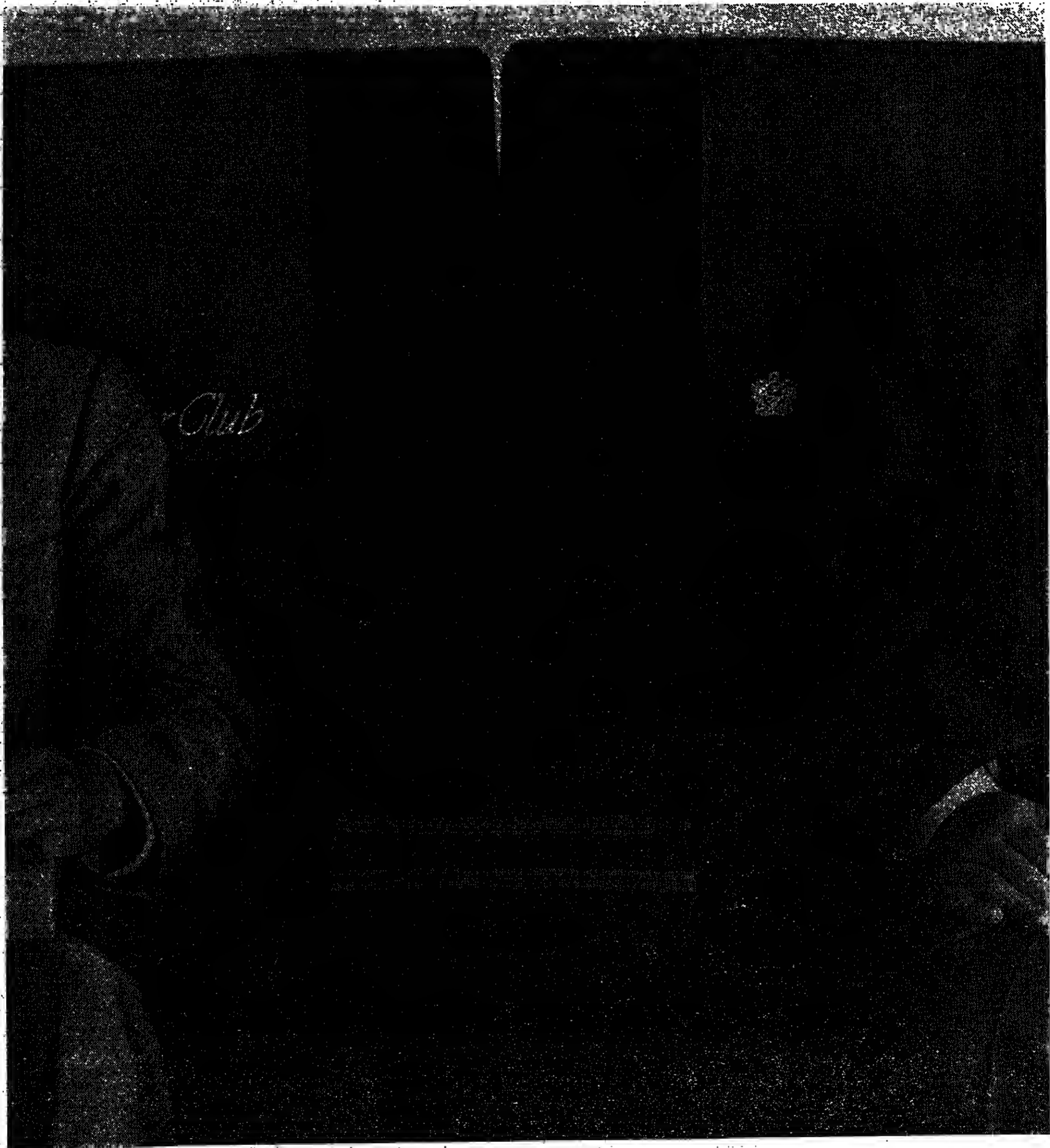


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Tunnel vision on the Channel link

From the Chairman of the National Coal Board Sir, Your leading article on the fixed link (January 7) has isolated the questions to be answered. Having initiated the EuroRoute scheme in 1980, could I make some observations.

From Sir Harold Harding, F.Eng Sir, May a veteran consultant to the Channel Tunnel Study Group from 1958 to 1972 venture a cool opinion, having helped our many international experts to study impartially eight solutions, including the combined bridge-tunnel-bridge solution.

Ensuring farms do not get milked

From Mr Barnaby Hannam Sir, The letter from Mr J. H. Anderson (January 2) is, at first glance, extremely plausible and it attempts to focus the blame for squabbles between the farming organisations and the landowners firmly upon the tenant farmer.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 9 1888 The tax on advertisements was repealed in 1883 greatly to the advantage of The Times which in this typical issue of the period carried over 50 columns of classified ads; display did not make an appearance until the close of the century.

DRICHARD'S DANDELION Camomile, Rhubarb, and Ginger Pills. This excellent compound, skilfully adjusted, is an unfailing remedy for indigestion, constipation, liver and all stomach complaints.

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LIVER, Nerves, Stomach, and Lungs Restored without medicine - DU BARRY'S delicious health-restoring food REVALENTA ARABICA, cures speedily and without expense as it saves 50 times more in other remedies.

TEETH - No. 9, Lower Grosvenor-street, Grosvenor-square (removed from 61) - By Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent - Newly Invented Application of Chloroform, India-Rubber, in the Construction of Artificial Teeth, Gums, and Palates.

Westland's future

From Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP for Leominster (Conservative) Sir, Your leading article (January 7), somewhat entitled "Mr Heseltine's joystick", was unfair and frankly offensive to anyone in politics who has sincere and legitimate views quite apart from whether or not they are friends of Mr Heseltine.

Jobs for youngsters

From Mr Ian R. Smith Sir, In his article, "The politics of unemployment" (December 31), David Felton refers to taking a job on the Youth Training Scheme as an option open to 16/17-year-old school leavers who fail to acquire a job or place on a full-time further education course.

provided in those jobs not under YTS

Whereas full-time further education has a lot to offer young people, it cannot provide substantial periods of work experience. Many young people following that route are still not equipped, after their studies with the skills required in the world of work.

City's aid effort

From Miss Amelia Taylor Sir, Mr R. Langridge (January 4) asks why the City has kept such a low profile compared with the fundraising efforts of other sections of British society. I would like to inform him that "City Aid" does indeed exist in the form of a charity called The Square Mile Charitable Trust.

Lessons from Swiss

From Mr David Harris Sir, Having myself lived and worked in Switzerland for a dozen years, I feel qualified to respond to Mr Farr's letter (December 27). Most, perhaps all of what he writes is true. It is, however, unqualified. For example: lacking the natural resources of coal and iron, Switzerland has none of the primary industries associated with them that are (or have been) a blight here and in, for example, northern Germany.

Born to blush unseen

From the Chairman of the Kilvert Society Sir, The Rev John Titchhurst asks (January 3) whether anyone knew a Kerenski. I have not, but the Rev Francis Kilvert noted in his diary that after a wedding in Langley Burrell, Wiltshire, on New Year's Day, 1873 "the bride, now Mrs Bethell, insisted on our writing her name in the books we had given her, insisting, however, on our writing 'Kerenski' without the 'Happuch'".

Balancing out

From Mr Walter Partington Sir, Ken Terry's letter (January 3) substitutes the word "boycott" for "racially offensive" black in respect of MP Colin Moynihan's dispute with Mr Terry's union, Naigo. But in reverting to "boycott", is he not using a word reminiscent of prejudice, intolerance and hatred in its day?

Far festive fare

From Mrs Frances Cooper Sir, With regard to Mrs Colman's query (January 3) about the travels of Christmas fare, some years ago, I sent a home-made Christmas pudding, by parcel post, via Siberia, to my son in Tokyo. It arrived in good condition.

International cuisine

From Mr James Page-Roberts Sir, Waiting for curry or some sort to arrive at the table in our local Indian restaurant, my son and I discovered that the spoons were made in Korea, knives in Japan, forks in China, straws in France and plates in England.

Neither the vase (with a warning that it should not contain water) nor the single plastic flower in it had marks of origin.

Yours faithfully, JAMES PAGE-ROBERTS, Skarnes House, Skarnes, Andover, Hampshire, January 6.

WALL STREET

Table of stock prices for various companies including IBM, AT&T, and others, with columns for company name, price, and change.

Dow breaks new ground

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street share prices opened higher in active early trading. The Dow Jones industrial average, which soared 18.12 points to a new high of 1,565.71 on Tuesday, was up 2.18 points to 1,567.88 shortly after the market opened.

Advancing issues led declining issues 594 to 280 among the 1,308 issues crossing the tape. For the first time, secondary issues decisively joined blue chip stocks in a broad sweep that put the market in sight of yet another century mark on the Dow Jones industrial average.

COMMODITIES

Business was active in several markets yesterday, reflecting a healthy combination of speculative and fundamental factors. Financial futures has a heavy day as the scare about base rates built up during the day.

Table of commodity prices including LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE, LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, and LONDON MEAT FUTURES.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling received a boost from the higher British interest rates yesterday. A rise of 1 per cent in the big four's base rate, to 12 1/2 per cent, was received by dealers in sterling.

Table of foreign exchange rates including STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES, OTHER STERLING RATES, and DOLLAR SPOT RATES.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates settled a little off the top yesterday as the banks went to 1 1/2% base rates on getting the signal from the Bank of England. They still looked rather too firm, though, for this level of base rates, traders said.

Table of money market rates including EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %, GOLD, and ECGD.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London financial futures prices including Three Month Sterling, Six Month Sterling, and various interest rate futures.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trust prices including various trusts like British American, British Overseas, and others.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table of unit trust information including names of trusts, managers, and performance data.

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THE TIMES Portfolio

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You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table of stock prices for various companies categorized by sectors like Industrials A-D, Electricals, Building and Roads, and Industrials E-K.

Weekly Dividend table with columns for company, dividend, and other financial metrics.

BRITISH FUNDS table listing various fund names and their values.

Table for SHORTS (Under Five Years) with columns for company, price, and change.

Table for FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS with columns for company, price, and change.

Table for OVER FIFTEEN YEARS with columns for company, price, and change.

Table for UNDATED with columns for company, price, and change.

Table for INDEX-LINKED with columns for company, price, and change.

Table for BREWERIES with columns for company, price, and change.

Table for BANKS DISCOUNT HP with columns for company, price, and change.

Table for ELECTRICALS with columns for company, price, and change.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Stores tumble

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 23. Dealings End, Jan 10. Contango Day, Jan 13. Settlement Day, Jan 20. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

Table of stock prices for various companies, including sections for BUILDING AND ROADS and FINANCE AND LAND.

Table of stock prices for various companies, including sections for FOODS and HOTELS AND CATERERS.

Table of stock prices for various companies, including sections for CHEMICALS, PLASTICS and CINEMAS AND TV.

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TOBACCOS

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Sports Commentary

David Miller

Zimbabwe tour to be called off despite appeal by Nicholas

The Zimbabwe part of the England B winter tour is almost certain to be called off today, according to Donald Carr, Secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

Nicholas confirmed at the airport that he had written a private letter to Mr Mugabe, whom he had met in Zimbabwe last year when leading an English Counties XI on a private tour there.

South Africans ban sale of magazine

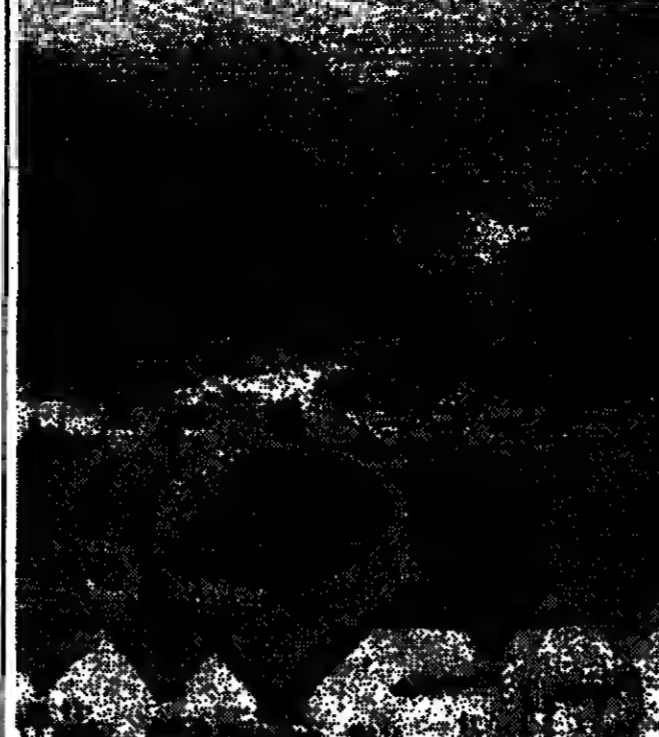
The sale of the South African Cricketer, the country's leading cricket magazine, has been banned from the two main grounds here because the touring Australians objected to an article strongly critical of them.

England drop into cauldron

The mood of optimism which has greeted England's draw for the World Cup is puzzling. While they may well be gratified to have avoided West Germany, Denmark and Uruguay, the trio which Scotland must face, it will be no pushover against either Poland or Portugal, or for that matter Morocco.

Russian misses event after crash

Ziatis Ekmanis, the Soviet Union's European champion, is out of today's World Cup two-man event in Cervinia after a spectacular crash in practice yesterday.



Up, up and away: Participants from Britain, West Germany, Hungary and Austria starting the eighth BP Alpine Balloon Trophy race at St Gilgen in Austria. The event ends tomorrow

Flach and Seguso's reunion recalls some old glories

The prize-money in professional tennis has long been astonishing and the disproportionate rewards for singles and doubles now begin to look absurd. The richest singles-only tournament, the 24-man European Champions' Championship (ECC), to be played in Antwerp from November 5 to 9, will offer a first prize of \$210,000 (about £144,820).

Parks entry is doubled

The national parks championship, sponsored by British Home Stores and organized by the Lawn Tennis Foundation, were restricted to 16 towns and cities for last year's event.

Thorburn through

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, the No 4 seed, defeated Ken Davie, of Bradford, 5-4 yesterday and put himself in the semi-finals of the Mercantile Credit classic at Warrington.

Boxing

John Morris, a freelance journalist from Northampton, will succeed Ray Clarke as general secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control at the end of June.

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Philip and Alan Cairns, his brakeman, who won the gold medal in their last World Cup competition in Coruna, were second fastest on their next run, and with no overtaking in hand, opted out of the last one.

Verplank to turn professional in June

From John Ballantine, Carlsbad, California

Germans vote for Bungert

Bonn (Reuters) - Wilhelm Bungert was yesterday confirmed as West Germany's Davis Cup captain after officials of the national tennis federation heard that Boris Becker had not meant to call for his dismissal.

Shriver over first hurdle

Washington (Reuters) - The second seed, Pam Shriver, of the United States, defeated West Germany's Sylvia Hanika 6-1, 6-0 on Tuesday night to enter the second round of a women's tournament here.

Britain turn tables on India

Great Britain defeated India 1-0 in an international hockey quadrangular tournament in Kuwait, on January 4, will now take place in Paris, Switzerland, on January 21.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns: CYCLING, HOCKEY, BASKETBALL, MOTOR RALLYING, CRICKET, GOLF, NORDIC SKIING, CRESTA RUN, VOLLEYBALL, TABLE TENNIS, SQUASH RACKETS, FOOTBALL.

Dexter aims for his third putter

By Nicholas Keith

Verplank to turn professional in June

Scott Verplank, the 21-year-old amateur from Oklahoma University who joined the 30 professional tournament winners of 1985 competing here in the Tournament of Champions by winning the Western Open in August, announced he will join the paid ranks immediately after the US Open at Shinnecock Hills in June.

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RACING: CORPORAL CLINGER ALLOWED A POUND FROM CHAMPION HURLER IN SCHWEPPESS

Kesslin on a lenient mark

By Dick Hinder The Nick Vigor-trained Kesslin, with a tempting 10st 2lb, was among the front-runners in all the bookmakers' ante-post lists...



Tom Sharp among the favourites for the Schweppes Gold Trophy

trainer will not place together his Schweppes entry until after Caus Eyes, allowed 10st 6lb, competes in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle on Saturday...

Schweppes Gold Trophy weights

SCHWEPPESS GOLD TROPHY HURDLE (2m) (10st 2lb) (3 runners) 1. Kesslin (10st 2lb) 2. Caus Eyes (10st 6lb) 3. ...

WINCANTON

- 1.0 NOVICE HURDLE (Div E: 2666: 2m) (23 runners) 1. 22-4414 DOUBLETON (10st 2lb) 2. ...

Wincanton selections

By Mandarin 1.0 Riva Rose, 1.30 P.022, 2.0 Combs Ditch, 2.30 King's Bishop...

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2.00 JOHN BULL CHASE (E2,841: 2m) (5)

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PUNCHSTOWN

- GOING: heavy 1.15 BULL HILL NOVICE HURDLE (2666: 2m) (8 runners) 1. 302 DANORIG HEATHER A (10st 2lb) 2. ...

Punches Town selections

By Our Irish Correspondent 1.15 Daning Heather, 1.45 Ninnes Shillings, 2.15 Over The Last, 2.45 Quito Prince...

1.45 CARRICK HILL CHASE (E1,104: 3m)

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2.15 THORNTON NOVICE CHASE (E1,380: 2m 4f)

- 2.15 THORNTON NOVICE CHASE (E1,380: 2m 4f) (13) 1. 602 CEART O'LEOR (10st 2lb) 2. ...

2.45 PUNCHSTOWN HURDLE (E1,725: 2m) (24)

- 2.45 PUNCHSTOWN HURDLE (E1,725: 2m) (24) 1. 110 KATH-DER MAREE (10st 2lb) 2. ...

Rewarding chance for Combs Ditch

By Mandarin

Combs Ditch, the chaser who has a whiff of oxygen to relieve his breathing difficulties after each race...

David Elsworth's ten-year-old, despite a sustained challenge on the run-in, failed by a neck to catch Wayward Lad...

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Record prizes at Newbury

Prize money for the 14 day's Flat racing at Newbury this year will be a record £752,150...

Hereford lost

Racing resumes today at Wincanton and Punchestown after two blank days...

Bonima backed

Irish bookmaker Sam Graham reports steady support for last year's runner-up Bonima...

Newnes appeal

A Jockey Club spokesman has confirmed that the banned jockey Billy Newnes is to appeal for a reduction in his three-year sentence...

Course specialists

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6.30 Play School (1)
10.50 Ceefax.

BBC 2
6.00 Ceefax.
6.30 Daytime on Two Maths...

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6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.
6.55 Morning Concert: Gibbons's
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6.05. Ken Bruce 6.05-7.00. Terry...

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Banks sought for Expressway Channel link

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor
Attempts are being made to invite more British and French banks in Channel Expressway's £2.5 million twin-road and twin-rail tunnel scheme in the run-up to an Anglo-French decision on the project in ten days time.

Curtain up on Knightsbridge main attraction



Eager players in the annual Knightsbridge Fair grabbing the limelight in the China department yesterday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

By Alan Franks
The annual run of Britain's best loved Knightsbridge Fair, The Harrods Sale, opened on Tuesday evening before an audience of one.

Britain set to resume full relations with Nigeria

Continued from page 1
Nigeria again and to play an active part in its economic recovery.

Reagan warning to Gadaffi

Continued from page 1
The Tunisian government statement that the passports used by the Vienna terrorists had been confiscated by the Libyan Government from expelled Tunisian workers last summer.

Teachers' talks at Acas

Continued from page 1
Mr. prominent Labour members of the National Union of Teachers secretly at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford, last autumn.

Today's events

Royal engagements
Princess Margaret attends the premiere of the film Chorus Line at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester Square, 8.

Joined twins die

Houston (AP) - Ten-day-old Siamese twin girls, joined from the breastbone to the umbilical cord and sharing a liver, died during surgery to separate them at Texas Children's Hospital, they were seven weeks premature.

Weather forecast

London, SE, central S England, Midlands: Patches of fog clearing mainly dry some sunny intervals; wind W light; max temp 6C (43F) colder over lying snow.

Books - hardback and paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: A History of Europe 1648-1948, The Arrival, The Rise, The Fall, by Paul Dukacs (Macmillan, £30).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,939

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Novel tall story (3,5,4), 2 Everyone is wearing plain stuff (7), 3 She is an Official Receiver (7), 4 Swindler's impressive capture of bishop with rock (7), 5 Cold oil can become gluey (7), 6 By the sound of it, a mountain duck (5), 7 I'm going to change about 39 books - it's a weakness (9), 8 The cocktail island (9), 9 Continent as detailed in poetry (5), 10 Volunteers in the Air Force get one a drink (7), 11 Having no Home Guard, Harrogate improvised this gas-charger (7), 12 Maritime missile is nothing to rabbit on about (7), 13 Condition a terrorist is in (7), 14 Ancient lady killer can set Myrtle in a whirl (11).

Answers to crossword puzzle: 1 Novel tall story (3,5,4) NORTON, 2 Everyone is wearing plain stuff (7) TANG, 3 She is an Official Receiver (7) SHERIFF, 4 Swindler's impressive capture of bishop with rock (7) GILBERT, 5 Cold oil can become gluey (7) GLUE, 6 By the sound of it, a mountain duck (5) MOUNTAIN, 7 I'm going to change about 39 books - it's a weakness (9) BILLYE, 8 The cocktail island (9) NANTUCKET, 9 Continent as detailed in poetry (5) SOUTH, 10 Volunteers in the Air Force get one a drink (7) BEER, 11 Having no Home Guard, Harrogate improvised this gas-charger (7) GAZON, 12 Maritime missile is nothing to rabbit on about (7) MISSILE, 13 Condition a terrorist is in (7) STATE, 14 Ancient lady killer can set Myrtle in a whirl (11) MYRTLE.

Broadcasting report

Voice of the Listener's second submission to the Home Office Committee on financing the BBC (Peacock Committee) has now been published. Copies of the Voice of the Listener's first and second submissions can be obtained from the Conference Secretary, 101 King's Drive, Gravesend, Kent DA12 5BQ (price £1.00, including p&p).

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like Australia \$, Austria Sch, Belgium F, Canada \$, Denmark Kr, etc.

Anniversaries

Births: Chaim Bialik, poet, Ruddy Ukraine, 1873; Karel Capek, writer, Male Svatonovice, Czechoslovakia, 1890; Grace Fields, Rochdale, Lancashire, 1898.

Portfolio

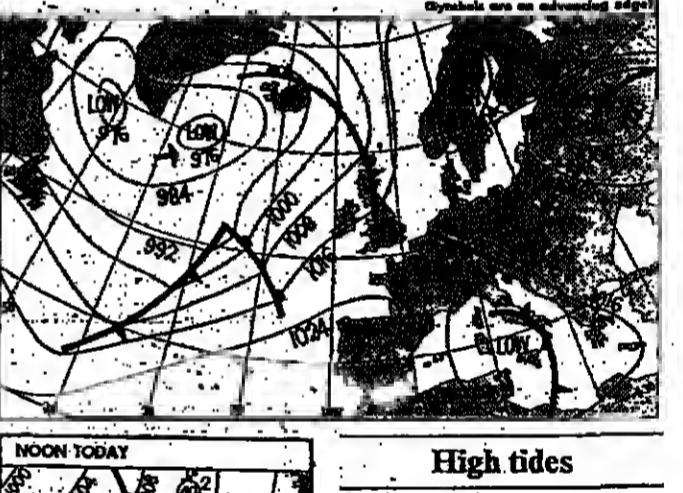
Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total. Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

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Snow reports

Table with columns: Depth (cm), Conditions, Runs to resort, Weather (5 pm), and a temperature scale.



High tides table listing locations like London Bridge, Aberdeen, Ayr, etc., with high tide times and heights.

Around Britain table showing weather conditions (Sun, Rain, Mist) and temperatures for various locations.

Abroad table showing weather forecasts for various international locations.

Advertisements and notices on the far right margin, including 'Senior St...' and 'Den notes'.

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS
Trade 01-278 9161/5

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

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ibp INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
IBP International Inc., a subsidiary of a major USA processor of agricultural products, is expanding its organisation in London.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY
to serve as Secretary to the DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

COMPUTER SALES EXECUTIVES
£20,000-£40,000 (PLUS) OTE
We are an established Recruitment Consultancy whose client base spans the whole of the Computer Industry.

SCM BOOKROOM NEEDS AN ASSISTANT
For its Mail Order Department, the successful candidate will have some knowledge of Theology, typing skills, numeracy + an ability to learn to use a computer.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS CANTERBURY & THANET HEALTH AUTHORITY Unit General Managers
This Authority, which serves a population of 305,900, with an annual revenue budget of £32m, is seeking to appoint Unit General Managers to take personal responsibility for the overall management of its four Units.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Community Council wishes to appoint a DIRECTOR
to provide creative leadership for a small staff; active in rural development and the development of the voluntary sector in the county.

SENIOR ACCOUNTS CLERK Treasury Section
To £11,500 p.a. Covent Garden
We're out to dispel the myth that finance is dull and dry. We'd never be where we are if we were either.

Project Accountant £15,500 + benefits
As a result of internal promotion, a vacancy now exists for a recently qualified ACA aged late twenties. The company is a well-known organisation in the field of industrial scientific research with a turnover of £100 million worldwide.

Management Services Officer (Finance)
Salary from £10,908 + 6% pension supplement
Phoenix House is a national charity with its Head Office in South London. With expansion we now need an experienced finance person to take specific responsibility for budgeting control reports and internal audit.

BIRKBECK COLLEGE (University of London) ASSISTANT BURSAR
Applications are invited from Accountants who are members of one of the leading Accountancy Bodies for a 3 year contract appointment.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS North West Durham Health Authority (Re-advertisement) UNIT GENERAL MANAGER (Hospitals Unit)
Applications are invited from candidates with suitable qualifications and proven experience in managing a complex multi-disciplinary organisation.

PRESTON HEALTH AUTHORITY
Top quality managers are required to implement the General Management arrangements for this large Authority (Revenue Budget £60m).

THE MODEL OPPORTUNITY IN STATISTICS PROGRAMMING
London c.£8,000
Show off your statistics and programming skills to their best advantage in a tailor-made financial career at Abbey National and utilise the latest computerised statistical modelling facilities.

Taxation Specialist
J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited, one of the leading U.K. merchant banks, is looking for an additional Specialist to join its Taxation Department to help keep pace with the rapid changes now taking place in merchant banking and in the securities industry in London and overseas.

YOUNG FINANCIAL DIRECTOR
C £18,000 + Car North West London
Secomak Air Products is the market leader in a number of specialist manufactured products. The company is very profitable, has outstanding management ratios and is a member of the highly successful Halma Group.

Recently Qualified Accountants highly visible career stepping stone
London c£17-20,000 + mortgage etc.
This is an excellent opportunity to make the transition from the Profession to Commerce. You will join a high profile team undertaking constructive reviews and appraisals of the Group's activities - a wide ranging brief which will provide a real insight into the many facets of the Group's diverse business.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS UNIT GENERAL MANAGER (COMMUNITY)
The Authority wishes to appoint an experienced manager able to demonstrate imaginative leadership and capacity for undertaking personal responsibility for action.

SALES AND MARKETING IMMEDIATE START IN PUBLISHING
Bloomsbury Publishing House requires additional Advertising Executives to sell advertising space in a wide range of specialist publications for various professional bodies.

BEEN SELLING FOR A YEAR AND EARNING £10-£20K?
We work with prestigious companies who seek young and dynamic sales executives (preferably graduates). You must be under 35 with at least 1 years' experience in a commercial field-sales or tele-sales environment.

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